

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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FILARIA ERADICATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of filaria have been reported in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise, including Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the number of filaria endemic districts in the country, State/UT-wise, including Tamil Nadu;
- (d) whether the Government has launched a nation-wide campaign for elimination of the disease and started a Mass Drug Administration (MDA) programme in the endemic population to prevent the transmission of the infection; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof indicating the assistance provided for the purpose during the said period alongwith the achievements made as a result thereof, State/ UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) & (b): Yes, the total number of cases of Lymphoedema and Hydrocele reported in the country, State/UTs-wise, during the last three years are given in Annexure – I.

(c) The details of filaria cases reported in the endemic districts in the country are given in Annexure –II.

(d) & (e): Yes, Government of India has launched a nation-wide annual campaign in 2004 in filarial endemic districts in 15 States and 5 Union Territories (including Tamil Nadu) for elimination of Filariasis. The campaign is an integral component of the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) under the overarching umbrella of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). The main strategy for elimination of lymphatic filariasis is to prevent the transmission of the infection through annual mass Drug Administration (MDA) of single dose of anti-filarial drugs (Diethyl carbamazine citrate (DEC) and Albendazole tablets) in the endemic population except pregnant women, children below 2 years of age and seriously ill persons. Government of India provides 100% assistance in cash and kind to the State Governments for carrying out annual Mass Drug Administration (MDA).

The details of financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid (cash & kind) provided to State/UTs during the last three years under NVBDCP are given in Annexure-III.

The percentage of people positive for microfilaria out of screened population is taken as an indicator as microfilaria rate. The overall microfilaria rate in the country has reduced from 1.24% in 2004 to 0.39 % in 2010. State/UT wise details are given in Annexure-IV